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Judge sentences Plymouth man on possession of child pornography

MINNEAPOLIS— A 54-year-old Plymouth man will spend the next 96 months in federal prison and will be under supervised release for the rest of his life for the possession of between 300 and 600 images and video files of child pornography.

Federal District Court Judge Donovan Frank sentenced John Joseph Nonbello Oct. 4 in Minneapolis, and also ordered Nonbello to pay \$7,500 to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Nonbello was indicted on Feb. 21, 2007, and pled guilty on May 22, 2007, on one count of possession of child pornography.

“We are pleased that John Nonbello will not be using the Internet to prey on our children,” said United States Attorney Rachel K. Paulose. “One of our top priorities is to keep Minnesota’s children safe from sexual exploitation, and we are proud to help imprison these individuals.”

According to court documents, Nonbello had posted numerous messages starting in November of 2005 on a Web site involving the North American Man Girl Love Association, which contained messages and links to other Web sites containing child pornography. Law enforcement searched Nonbello’s Plymouth residence in July of 2006 and later obtained a laptop computer, belonging to his employer, that contained the explicit files.

This case was the result of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Forest Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy T. Braun.